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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claim 11 is amended.

Claims 1-10, 16 and 17 are allowed.

Claims 11-15 and 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hasegawa (JP 11-219664). In view of the above amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, therefore, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.


The amended independent claim 11 now includes, among other limitations, "the support member is only bent between the locking section and the fixed section at the first folding trace and the second folding trace." This limitation is similar to the allowable limitation of claim 1. As the Examiner agrees, Hasegawa does not disclose the above limitations. As a result, claim 11 is not anticipated by Hasegawa and is now allowable over the cited references.

In short, amended independent claims 11 defines a novel and unobvious invention over the cited references. Remaining dependent claims 12-15 and 18-19 are all dependent from allowable independent claim 11, respectively and therefore include all the limitations of claim 11 and additional limitations therein. Accordingly, these claims are also allowable over the cited references, as being dependent from allowable independent claim 11, and for the additional limitations they include therein.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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